

## CONVERSATION

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You know, it's an internship for a big company.

Interview for what?

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Well, thanks. I'm preparing for the interview by - you know - practicing with my sister.

What exactly are you doing? How are you practicing?

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What are some of the things she saw?

  
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Dude, dude. Let me just stop you there. I was just being sarcastic. Your sister is right, you overuse fillers.



Hmmm. Well all-right then. Time to put an end to that.



Cool! That should help. Good luck my friend.

Thanks, man. Appreciate it.

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“Man, Am I excited?” That wasn’t a real question.

He is not actually saying “Do you think I’m excited?” or “Do I look like I’m excited?”

No, he wasn’t asking at all. So why did he say “am I excited?” instead of “I am excited”?

He could have said that, but it’s more common to express excitement in the form of a question.

### Example

- Wow, it’s so beautiful. > Wow, is it beautiful?
- My god, he is so annoying. > My god, is he annoying?

“It’s an internship for a tech company.”

An **internship** is when you get a position in a company as a student or a trainee. You work there sometimes without getting paid because you want to learn and gain more experience.

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“Wow, that’s impressive. I hope you get it. Fingers crossed.”

We can say another word for “impressive” like (awesome, admirable, spectacular or excellent).

“Fingers crossed” This is a hand gesture that we commonly use to wish someone good luck, it’s like saying “I wish you good luck”.

“We’re doing mock interviews.”

The word “mock” can be used to mean “laugh at someone or something” or “to create something similar to the original object. To make a good copy of it (a replica)”.

### Example

- It’s not okay to mock and disrespect others.

Mock = laugh at or tease

- We always give students mock exams.

Mock = replica - a similar copy



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“That’s strange because you’re the only one I know who doesn’t use fillers in his speech.”

The word **fillers**, as the name suggests is something we put in a place to fill it.

When you talk, sometimes we need to think of the next word or we need to choose words carefully. We will end up having a gap in our speech. To fill this gap we use what we call “**fillers**”.

**Fillers** words like (**you know** - **uh** - **mmm** - **like**) we use them to avoid stopping when we talk.

Nowadays teenagers overuse **fillers** in their speech. It’s disgusting. You will hear someone saying.

- I was **like** **you know** happy but he was **like** **you know** ummm not so much and then we **you know** told him **like** come on.

It’s just hurtful to hear. So, it’s okay to use **fillers** every now and then but don’t over do it.



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“Let me just stop you there. I was just being **sarcastic**. Your sister is right, you overuse fillers.”

His friend was just using **sarcasm**. He was being **sarcastic**.

**Sarcasm** is when you say the opposite of what you want to say in order to make fun of someone.

### Example

- You look very tired in the morning and you keep yawning.
- I look at you and say; wow, I love your energy in the morning.

The question is: **do I mean it? Do I love your energy?**

No, it is the opposite of what I want to say.

You have no energy. So this is **sarcasm** and I was being **sarcastic**.

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يا رجل، كم انا متحمس؟ لقد حصلت على أول مقابلة عمل لي.

Interview for what?  
مقابلة عمل من أجل ماذا؟

You know, it's an internship for a big company.

أتعلم، إنها فترة تدريب لدى شركة كبيرة.

Wow, that's impressive. I hope you get it. Fingers crossed.

هذا رائع، أتمنى حصولك عليها. دعواتي لك من أجل ذلك.

Well, thanks. I'm preparing for the interview by - you know - practicing with my sister.

شكرا، أنا أحضر لمقابلة العمل عن طريق التدرب مع اختي.

What exactly are you doing?  
How are you practicing?

ما الذي تفعله تحديدا؟ كيف تتدرب؟

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نحن نتدرب بطريقة مماثلة  
تماماً للمقابلات الفعلية.

Is it helpful?

هل هذه الطريقة مفيدة؟

It sure is. She recorded our first interview, and pointed out things that umm - you know - I should avoid.

بالتأكيد. قامت بتسجيل أولى مقابلتنا، وأشارت إلى  
مهم أشياء على تجنبها

What are some of the things she saw?

أخبرني ما هي بعض ملاحظاتها.

She said that I said, "You know" too much, and that I looked nervous.

لقد قالت لي أني أتكلم أكثر مما ينبغي، وأن  
التوتر ظاهر على.

Oh really, that's strange because you're the only one I know who doesn't use fillers in his speech. Is it helpful?

حقاً، هذا يبدو غريباً لأنك أنت الوحيد في من أعرفهم  
الذي يتحدث دون التوقف أثناء كلامه.



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I know, right? I was like no, I don't do that, but she was kind of like, yeah you do.

حقاً، أليس كذلك؟ كنت أقول لها لا أنا أفعل هذا، ولكنها كانت تصر على فعلي هذا الشيء.

Dude, dude. Let me just stop you there. I was just being sarcastic. Your sister is right, you overuse fillers.

صديقي، صديقي. دعني اوقفك هنا. لقد كنت أمازحك. أختك على حق. لديك الكثير من الوقفات أثناء الكلام.

Hmmm. Well alright then. Time to put an end to that.

مممم. حسناً إذا. حان الوقت لأتوقف عن هذا.

Cool! That should help. Good luck my friend.

رائع! سيساعدك هذا. حظاً طيباً يا صديقي.

Thanks, man. Appreciate it.

شكراً، يا رجل أقدر لك هذا.

